

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: UN, SENV, OCON  
SUBJECT: UN WATER CONFERENCE: FINAL PLENARY DISCUSSION OF  
SHARED WATER RESOURCES

REF (A) MAR DEL PLATA 63, (B) MAR DEL PLATA 75

1. DISCUSSION OF REPORT OF COMMITTEE II TO PLENARY IN  
FINAL SESSION WITNESSED AN UNEXPECTED REQUEST BY  
BRAZIL FOR A ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE RETENTION OF  
"REGIONAL COOPERATION:" SUBPARAGRAPH 3(G). THIS SUB-  
PARAGRAPH CONTAINS THE COMPROMISE LANGUAGE PROPOSED  
BY MEXICO IN COMMITTEE II AND ADOPTED BY A VOTE OF 27 (US)  
- 19, WITH 25 ABSTENTIONS (REF A). THE TEXT READS:  
"IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREEMENT ON THE MANNER IN WHICH  
SHARED WATER RESOURCES SHOULD BE UTILIZED, COUNTRIES  
WHICH SHARE THESE RESOURCES SHOULD EXCHANGE RELEVANT  
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INFORMATION ON WHICH FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF THESE RESOURCES  
CAN BE BASED IN ORDER TO AVOID FORESEEABLE DAMAGES."  
USDEL VOTED IN FAVOR OF RETENTION OF THE SUBPARAGRAPH,  
AS IT HAD IN COMMITTEE II YESTERDAY. FINAL VOTE WAS  
29 (US)-13, WITH 48 ABSTENTIONS. FAVORABLE VOTE  
THUS REACHED TWO-THIRDS MAJORITY NECESSARY FOR INCLUSION  
IN FINAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENT (SIMPLE MAJORITY ONLY

NEEDED IN COMMITTEE).

2. COMMITTEE II REPORT.

SECTION ON "INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION," (EXTENSIVELY REVISED VERSION OF BANGLADESH PROPOSAL DESCRIBED REF B WAS ADOPTED FOR INCLUSION INTO FINAL CONFERENCE DOCUMENT BY CONSENSUS OF PLENARY WITHOUT A VOTE. HOWEVER, SEVERAL STATES FELT OBLIGED TO MAKE POST-ADOPTION STATEMENTS OF RESERVATION REGARDING THIS SECTION, INCLUDING TURKEY, PARAGUAY, AFGHANISTAN, RUMANIA, AND GDR (AS SPOKESMAN FOR EASTERN BLOC). NEITHER BRAZIL NOR INDIA EXPRESSED ANY RESERVATION. MOST STATEMENTS STRESSED THE SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES, THE NECESSITY FOR BILATERAL OR REGIONAL SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF SHARED RESOURCES, AND THE NEED TO AVOID ANY PREJUDICE TO THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION.

3. DISCUSSION OF SHARED WATER RESOURCES THUS COMPLETE WITHOUT MAJOR DISPUTE OR DIVISION.  
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